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cancer for administration to a human female subject comprising selecting an agent based on its ability to upregulate TGF- β expression in the ovarian epithelium by testing said agent by treating ovarian epithelial cells through exposure to said agent and determining the resulting expression of TGF- β in the treated ovarian epithelial cells.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said agent is a progestin product.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein said ovarian epithelial cells are treated with said agent using an *in vivo* test.

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4. The method of claim 2 wherein said test is conducted *in vitro*.

5. The method of claim 2 wherein said measured TGF- β expression is upregulation of TGF- β 2 or TGF- β 3.

6. The method of claim 5 further comprising formulating a regimen wherein said regimen comprises a daily dosage of said composition for use by human female subject.

MARKED CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of formulating a [regimen] composition for preventing epithelial ovarian cancer for administration to a human female subject comprising selecting an agent based on its ability to upregulate TGF- β expression in the ovarian epithelium by testing said agent by treating ovarian epithelial cells through exposure to said agent and determining the resulting expression of TGF- β in the treated ovarian epithelial cells.

3. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein said ovarian epithelial cells are treated with said agent using an *in vivo* test.--

4. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein said test is conducted *in vitro*.

5. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein said measured TGF- β expression is